

REMARKS

During telephone conferences on March 29, 2004 and April 1, 2004 by Examiners Angell and Nguyen with applicants' representatives, Dr. John McDonald and Ms. Sima S. Kulkarni, an agreement was reached as to the contents of the pending claims as listed beginning on page 2 herein.

We discussed that instead of combining "methods for reducing inflammation" and "methods for inducing IL 10 production" into one claim set, we should separate out the methods and have two claim sets. Applicants' representatives provided support from the specification (Examples 6 and 7). Also discussed was the inclusion of specific diseases associated with inflammation. At the end of the conference, it was decided that a set of draft proposed claims would be emailed to Examiner Angell.

A set of proposed claims were sent to Examiner Angell via electronic mail for his review on March 31, 2004. Examiner Angell contacted Ms. Kulkarni on April 1, 2004 via telephone and noted that (1) he would like to replace the word "animal" with "mammal or human", and (2) change the phrase "reducing inflammation in an animal having inflammation" to "reducing inflammation in an animal". After further discussion with his supervisor, Examiner Angell decided that the word "animal" should remain and not be replaced with "mammal or human". The phrase "reducing inflammation in an animal having inflammation" was replaced with "reducing inflammation in an animal". On April 6, 2004 Examiner Angell informed Ms. Kulkarni that an Examiner's Amendment had been entered and a Notice of Allowance had been issued.


The present "Reply to Interview Summary" is submitted pursuant to the requirements of MPEP Section 713.04.

Applicants have received the Notice of Allowance for the present application mailed on April 7, 2004 and will be submitting a check for the issue fee shortly. No other

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outstanding matters are considered to be due. Applicants appreciate the Examiners prompt attention to this case.

Respectfully submitted,


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